

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Non-provisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.
00121-000600000

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Richard Meyer, entitled Method and System for Dynamic Expansion and Contraction of Nodes in a Storage Area Network, for a(n):

() Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP) (X) Provisional
of prior application No: 60/422,109 Filed on: October 28, 2002
() A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

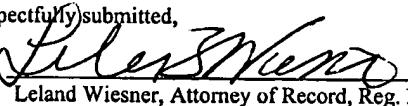
Enclosed are:

(X) Specification; 26 Total Pages. (X) Drawing(s); 8 Total Sheets.
(X) Oath or Declaration:
(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:
() Signed. (X) Unsigned. () Partially Signed.
() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).
() Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the
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() Preliminary Amendment. () Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.
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() A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).
() Applicant claims small entity status.
() Other: _____

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | |
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| FOR | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
| Total Claims | 29 | 9 | \$9.00 | \$ 81.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | 1 | \$43.00 | \$ 43.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) | | | | |
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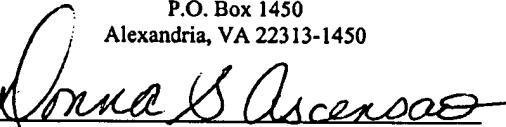
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